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in response to the determining, distribute the value information for the product, service, or information electronically to the one of the clients from the repository.

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2. The system of claim 1 in which the server is electronically accessible through a web site on the Internet.

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3. The system of claim 1 in which the server is electronically accessible through an internal network.

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4. The system of claim 1 in which the server is electronically accessible to users of a particular product, service, or information.

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5. The system of claim 1 in which the value information comprises value judgements.

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6. The system of claim 1 in which the value information comprises navigational pointers that point to information that a user has determined to be useful.

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7. The system of claim 1 in which the client includes software applications that embeds a pointer to the server that enables a user to invoke the server directly from the software application to obtain value information related to the use of the client.

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8. The system of claim 7 in which the pointer is automatically displayed at appropriate moments during use of the client.

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9. The system of claim 1 in which the server prompts the client to supply additional value information to the server.

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10. The system of claim <sup>48</sup>1 in which the software application in the client periodically supplies additional value information to the server.

Sub B5 58/ 11. The system of claim <sup>48</sup>1 in which the server initiates delivery to the clients of new value information concerning products, services, or information of interest to the clients.

59/ 12. The system of claim <sup>48</sup>1 in which the value information is continually updated.

Sub B6 60/ 13. The system of claim <sup>48</sup>1 in which the server provides addresses of, and at least one of rankings, comments, and ratings of the products, services, or information.

61/ 14. The system of claim <sup>48</sup>1 further comprising detecting uses by the client of the products, services or information.

62/ 15. The system of claim <sup>61</sup>14 further comprising prompting the client for an assessment of the value of the products, services, or information used.

Sub C3 63/ 16. The system of claim <sup>62</sup>15 in which the assessment information is returned to the server from the client

64/ 17. The system of claim <sup>62</sup>15 in which the assessment information is stored at the client and periodically returned to the server from the client

Sub D7 65/ 18. The system of claim <sup>47</sup>1 in which the server collects value information when at least one of the following occurs:

a client uses the products, services, or information on-line,

a client uses the products, services, or information from versions that are downloaded to the client, and

another server shares the value information with the server.

<sup>66</sup> 19. The system of claim <sup>48</sup> 1 further comprising presenting value information in one or more of the following styles: text, lists, charts, views, arrangements, hierarchies, graphical maps, sample extracts, abstracts, summary descriptions, or hypertext.

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<sup>67</sup> 20. A system comprising a digital medium storing information generated by large numbers of independent users about the value of products, services, software, or information, the medium being coupled to an electronic communication network to enable regular interchange of new value information from the users and stored value information from the medium.

<sup>68</sup> 21. The system of claim <sup>67</sup> 20 in which the users generate the new value information interactively while using the stored value information.

<sup>69</sup> 22. The system of claim <sup>67</sup> 20 further comprising digital filters configured to identify patterns of sources of value information and fetch the identified information over the network.

<sup>70</sup> 23. The system of claim <sup>69</sup> 22 in which the services comprise video or music, the value information concerns the content of the video or music, and the filter controls the display of video or music based on the content represented in the value information.

*Sub D9* <sup>71</sup> 24. The system of claim <sup>70</sup> 23 in which the filters provide information to the server about user preferences, and the server

makes the information available to vendors of products, services, or information.

*Sub B8* 12/25. A method in which

a user of a commodity records value information on a client device or software about the commodity that is based on use of the commodity,

the client device or software sends the information to a server for storage,


the client device receives from the server value information recorded by other users, and

the user interacts with the value information in the course of working with the commodity.--

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